RESOLUTION #29-2019(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING A STUDY OF PORT AND HARBOR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 TO SUPPORT GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS FOR MARINE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier is home to a busy Small Boat Harbor and waterfront area serving the diverse needs of a wide variety of users including pleasure boats, fishing charters, marine recreation and taxis, fishing vessels, sightseeing boats, cruise ships, fish processors, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Whittier desires to utilize grant funding to assist the community with costs associated with improving and enhancing infrastructure and amenities that are used by local residents and the tens of thousands of visitors to the community, to ensure that the cost of improvements and amenities does not fall solely on local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, from time to time grant opportunities become available for transportation, economic development, infrastructure and other marine-related purposes, and the City desires to develop a professional strategic document to be used as the basis for submitting quality, competitive federal and state grant applications; and

WHEREAS, development of a Study and corresponding document will assist the City in improving the likelihood of receiving grant funds and serve as the basis for multiple federal and state grant applications as funding opportunities arise; and

WHEREAS, the administration proposes to hire a professional firm to identify port and harbor infrastructure needs and through discussion with the community, harbor and port partners and stakeholders, to identify potential economic opportunities, desired projects, opportunities and challenges, potential project costs and benefits, and other information useful to forwarding successful applications for grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the City Council authorizes a study of port and harbor infrastructure and appropriates \$100,000 from General Fund reserves account no. 01-000-3000 to the Project Development account no. 01-400-9300.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 8th day of October, 2019.

Introduced by: Jim Hunt

Introduction Date: October 8, 2019

ATTEST

Naelene Matsumiya

CITY CLERK

Dave Dickason MAYOR

Ayes: 7 Nays: 10 Absent: 13

Abstain: